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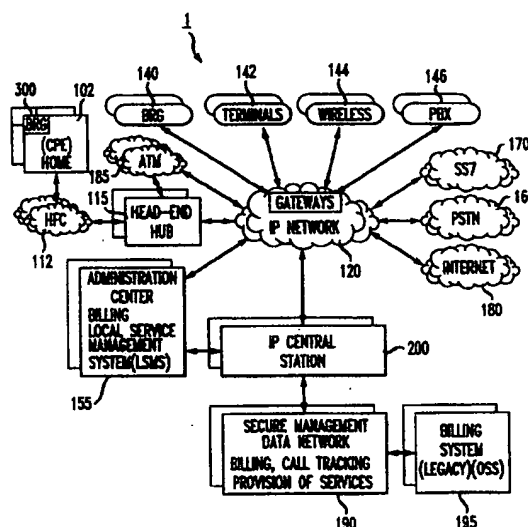
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(54) **IP leased line**

(57) The present invention includes a method, system and computer program product for providing for transmission of internet protocol traffic along a transmission path in a broadband communication system such that a virtual leased IP line provides a guaranteed minimum bandwidth. In one embodiment, the method includes the steps of requesting, by a user, reservation of a guaranteed minimum bandwidth sufficient for a predetermined IP traffic usage; selecting automatically and dynamically, by a call manager in response to requesting by the user, a transmission path for the virtual leased IP line wherein the path provides at least the guaranteed minimum bandwidth sufficient to accommodate the predetermined IP traffic usage; and reserving, by the call manager, the bandwidth for the transmission path.

**FIG. 1**

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